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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MISSOURI VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM (MoVIP) TO START TAKING APPLICATIONS:

Starting May 7, DESE will take applications online for the MoVIP state-funded courses. During a three-week window (May 7-29), school districts, private schools and home school parents are encouraged to apply for the state-funded seats for the 2007-2008 school year. A separate application must be submitted for each student. MoVIP will accommodate both full- and part-time students.

All students will be chosen for MoVIP courses through a random selection process (lottery). Registration is not on a first-come, first-enrolled basis.

School districts will submit the student information, including the Missouri Student Information System (MOSIS) number, contact information for the student's parents as well as for the local school official working with the student, if applicable. The specific MoVIP courses will need to be selected, indicating which classes the student wants to be enrolled in. The registration enrollment will cover the entire 2007-2008 school year. The registration form **will** be posted on the MoVIP website at www.dese.mo.gov/divimprove/curriculum/movip/.

MISSOURI INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH (MIMH) PROJECT DIRECTOR POSITION AVAILABLE:

The person will assist in the development and implementation of policies and strategies to meet the mental health needs of older adults as part of Missouri's mental health transformation initiative and serve as liaison between MIMH, DESE, DMH, and staff cross-agency initiatives to promote policies and strategies to effectively meet the mental health needs of children and youth. **Preferred Qualifications:** Masters in social work, psychology, public policy, counseling, sociology, education. To view full details about this position, go to <https://web.missouri.edu/~employment/vacdetailes.php?vac=1007077>

NEW RESOURCE FOR COUNSELORS:

A new source, The Guidance eLearning Center has been developed and is available at: <http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/elearning/> This site will contain a variety of information in electronic form that may be accessed at the convenience of those wishing to use it either at home or in the office.

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH!

From Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)'s Resource Center to Address Discrimination and Stigma: For more than fifty years, our country has celebrated Mental Health Month to raise awareness about mental illnesses and the importance of mental wellness for all. Mental Health Month is a great time to share messages about mental health with your community. The recent Virginia Tech tragedy provides an opportunity to increase public awareness and understanding of mental health issues through Mental Health Month activities. This is sponsored by [Mental Health America](http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net).

CAREER EDUCATION NEWS BULLETIN AVAILABLE

The May Missouri Career Education News Bulletin is now posted at http://www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/News/CE_News_Bulletin_050107.pdf

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

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{CURRICULUM}

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH HEALTH/PE AND FACS TEACHERS:

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND (CTF), Missouri's Foundation for Child Abuse Prevention is a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. CTF was established in 1983 by the Missouri General Assembly and is governed by a twenty one-member board of directors appointed by the Governor. CTF continues to promote public awareness campaigns, such as the prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and the dangers of leaving children unattended in cars, which highlight the issues related to child abuse and the public's opportunity to impact prevention.

CTF has informed us that there are curriculum resources available from them for use with students starting in 9th grade concerning parenting and discipline. The goal is to help to reduce the number of children who die yearly from what is called Shaken Baby Syndrome, the term used to describe the many serious and often fatal injuries resulting when an infant is violently shaken. To view those resources, please go to <http://www.ctf4kids.org/index.html>

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

ANOTHER CAREER PLANNING RESOURCE:

A presentation about the *Missouri Connections* career planning website is now available on the Missouri Guidance eLearning Center at <http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/elearning/>

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

VIRGINIA TECH/DISASTER RESOURCES:

1. Although the tragedy of Virginia Tech is being superseded by other happenings, there are still many who may be in a heightened state of tension in terms of responding to incidences of school violence as the year draws to a close. One resource that has come to our attention is the National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center, developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other Federal partners. The Resource Center provides current information developed by Federal agencies or with Federal support pertaining to youth violence. A gateway for professionals, parents, youth and other interested individuals, the Resource Center offers the latest tools to facilitate discussion with children, to resolve conflicts nonviolently, to stop bullying, to prevent teen suicide, and to end violence committed by and against young people. Resources include fact sheets, best practices documents, funding and conference announcements, statistics, research bulletins, surveillance reports, and profiles of promising programs. To visit the website, go to: <http://www.safeyouth.org/scripts/index.asp>

2. The American Academy of Pediatrics is calling attention to resources posted on its website that aim to help teachers, students, physicians, children, and teens cope with disasters such as the campus shooting at Virginia Tech University. To view this collection, go to <http://www.aap.org/featured/resourcepage.htm>

{SYSTEM SUPPORT}

SHARE THIS WITH PARENTS The school year is ending soon across the United States, and many teenagers will attend high-school proms, celebrate high-school or college graduations, and take trips to local beaches for senior week. Parents can make a difference in preventing underage drinking and related risky behavior by educating themselves about the activities teens are often exposed to during these celebrations. To help parents achieve this, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration offers "[Parents, Parties, and Preventing Underage Alcohol Use](#)" in its online Family Guide. The Family Guide site supports the Start Talking Before They Start Drinking Campaign in its efforts to combat underage drinking and to educate parents, youth, and others on the issue of alcohol abuse.

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REQUEST FOR HELP WITH RESEARCH FROM MISSOURI COUNSELOR EDUCATOR:

MSCA Members: My co-investigator and I would like to invite you to be a participant in a research study looking at the intersection between theory and practice with the ASCA National Standards. We would GREATLY appreciate your contribution by going to the following link and volunteering your time and insights:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=825963435573>

Thanks in advance for your time and for the great work that you do!!!

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CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A. SPRING TRAINING INSTITUTE will be held May 16-18, 2007 at Tan Tar A. This conference, sponsored by the Missouri Department of Mental Health, gives attendees the opportunity to learn more about mental health issues that confront Missourians of all ages. For more information about this, go to

<http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/cps/springtraining/springtraining.htm>

B. 21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING PREVENTION, RESEARCH, RECOVERY AND TREATMENT will be held June 8-10, 2007, at the Kansas City Downtown Marriott in Kansas City Mo. For conference information and registration go to

<http://www.ncpgambling.org/conference/info.asp>

C. THIRD ANNUAL DESE/UCM COUNSELOR INSTITUTE will be held on June 15-16, 2007 at the UCM Summit Center in Lee's Summit. A copy of the Registration form has been sent to guidance contacts in each district for distribution to those interested. If you have questions, or desire materials for this Institute, please **contact Liz Hicks by e-mail at ehicks@ucmo.edu or by phone at 660-543-8998 MWF 7 TO 5.**

D. THE AMERICAN SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (ASCA) CONFERENCE WILL be June 23-26, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center. For more information, go to:

<http://www.schoolcounselor.org/content.asp?pl=325&sl=129&contentid=182>

E. MILITARY CHILD EDUCATION COALITION (MCEC) CONFERENCE will be July 11-13, 2007 with a pre-conference July 10-11 at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City. For more information and a registration form, go to: <http://www.militarychild.org/KansasCity.asp>

F. ANNUAL CHARACTER EDUCATION CONFERENCE will be held July 19-20, 2007, in St. Louis. Information is available at <http://www.characterplus.org/>

G. 2007 MISSOURI ACTE SUMMER CONFERENCE AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS WILL be held July 23-July 26, 2007 in Springfield. All Missouri ACTE Division Summer Conference Programs are now online at www.mo-acte.org under Conference/Division Agendas. Please also check back often for updates to the programs.

SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES.

FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE

THE MSCA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE is scheduled for **September 7-9, 2007** in Jefferson City

THE MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION FALL CONFERENCE will be held November 4-6, 2007 at Tan Tar A

BUILDING BRIDGES CONFERENCE will be held November 11-13, 2007 at Tan Tar A.

ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ACTE) ANNUAL CONVENTION will be held in Las Vegas NV on December 13-15, 2007.

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